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For: METHODS AND MATERIALS FOR     )  
REDUCING DAMAGE FROM        )  
ENVIRONMENTAL              )  
ELECTROMAGNETIC EFFECTS    )  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the March 6, 2003, Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the March 6, 2003, Office Action was originally due June 6, 2003. A request for a three-month extension of time is being filed herewith. Therefore a response is now due September 6, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.